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EXDIS FOR UNDER SECRETARY ROGERS FROM SORENSON

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SUBJECT: NEWS MEDIA COVERAGE ON AFRICA AND YOUR TRIP

1. SOUTH AFRICA RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE MEDIA COVERAGE YESTERDAY, AUGUST 25TH, WITH ARTICLES APPEARING IN THE BALTIMORE SUN, WASHINGTON TAR, CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR, THE POST AND THE NEW YORK TIMES. BOTH THE TIMES AND POST REPORTED EXTENSIVELY ON BOB FUNSETH'S STATEMENT TUESDAY THAT THE WINDHOEK DECISION ON AUGUST 18 QUOTE IS A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION UNQUOTE BUT QUOTE IT DOESN'T GO FAR ENOUGH UNQUOTE.

2. BOTH PAPERS ALSO REPORTED ON THE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH A DELEGATION OF BLACK AMERICANS LED BY REV. JACKSON. WITH REGARD TO A SECOND MEETING BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND VORSTER, THE TIMES REPORTED THAT WHETHER IT TAKES PLACE SOON QUOTE DEPENDS ON THE OVERALL DIPLOMATIC SITUATION, INCLUDING THE RESULTS OF A MISSION

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THAT BEGAN LAST NIGHT. TWO TOP KISSINGER AIDES WILLIAM D.

ROGERS, UNDER SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, AND WILLIAM E. SCHAUFELLE, JR., ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR AFRICAN AFFAIRS, FLEW TO SOUTHERN AFRICA TO CONSULT WITH BLACK AFRICAN STATES ON WHETHER THEY WOULD SUPPORT AN INTERNATIONAL APPROACH TO RHODESIAN NEGOTIATIONS. THEY

WOULD BE ASKED TO GUARANTEE THE PARTICIPATION OF BLACK NATIONALIST RHODESIANS IN NEGOTIATIONS AND THAT THE RIGHTS OF WHITES IN A NEW GOVERNMENT WOULD BE PROTECTED UNQUOTE.

3. YOU HAVE RECEIVED BY SEPTTEL THE EVANS-NOVAK ARTICLE, WHICH WAS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT EDITORIAL PIECE TO APPEAR.

4. TODAY'S COVERAGE WAS MORE LIMITED, CONSISTING OF THREE ARTICLES -- ONE IN THE POST AND TWO IN THE TIMES -- DEVOTED TO SOUTH AFRICA. ONE BY ANTHONY LEWIS ENTITLED QUOTE RECKONING IN AFRICA: I UNQUOTE, IS THE FIRST OF A SERIES.

5. DURING NOON PRESS BRIEFING TODAY, REPORTERS SAID THAT KAUNDA WAS BEING QUOTED AS ATTACKING THE WEST FOR DOUBLE DEALING IN THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN SITUATION, SAYING THAT THE NEGOTIATING EFFORTS HAVE FAILED AND THERE IS NO PROSPECT NOW FOR ANYTHING BUT FIGHTING. IT WAS NOTED THAT THIS COMES ON THE HEELS OF HIS MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY'S EMISSARIES, AND IT WAS ASKED WHETHER THIS REACTION WAS EVIDENT IN THE DEPARTMENT'S REPORTS FROM ZAMBIA. FUNSETH REPLIED THAT HE WAS NOT AWARE OF THIS STATEMENT BY KAUNDA AND SO COULD NOT COMMENT, BUT THAT QUOTE OUR EFFORTS FOR REACHING A NEGOTIATED AND PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT IN SOUTHERN AFRICA WILL CONTINUE UNQUOTE WE MAY SEE SOMETHING ON THIS IN MEDIA REPORTS TOMORROW. KISSINGER

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